SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
March 22, 2018

Attendance:

Tribal Council	**Arnold Cooper**	**Chairman**
	Charlene Krise	**Vice Chairman**
	Vicki Kruger	**Treasurer**
	Steven Dorland	**Secretary** *(absent)*
	Bev Hawks	**1st Council Member** *(absent)*
	David Whitener	**2nd Council Member**
	Vince Henry, Sr.	**3rd Council Member**
Legal Counsel	**Kevin Lyon**	
Tribal Administrator	**Kris Peters**	
Recording Secretary	**Melissa Puhn**	

Charlene Krise offered the opening prayer. Arnold Cooper called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vicki Kruger moved to approve the March 22nd Council Agenda. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vicki Kruger moved to approve the March 8th Council Minutes. Vince Henry seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

TRAVEL REPORTS & PLANS

March 29: **1st Candidates Forum,** Elders Dinner
April 1-4: **Youth Council Conference,** LCCR
April 11: **Talking Circle,** Community Kitchen, 5pm
April 14: **NWIC Annual Gala & Auction,** Clearwater. Council agreed to sponsor a table for $2500. Vince, David and Charlene will attend.
April 17-20: **NIGA,** Las Vegas, David will attend.
April 18: **U.S. Supreme court argument,** Steven and Ray will attend.
April 18: **Work Session: IEI,** Collier House
April 19: **Work Session: LCCR & Legal,** Collier House
April 20: **Work Session: Tribal Gov't,** Collier House
April 22-27: **Self-Governance Conference**, Albuquerque, MN. Steven and Kris will attend.
April 23-24: **NAFOA,** New Orleans. Ray will attend.
April 27: **SIT Intertribal Elders Host Luncheon,** LCCR. 9am registration, 12:00 lunch.
April 30: **Lunch with Thurston Co Commissioners,** LCCR
May 2: **HHS Tribal Consultation,** LCCR. Arnold to offer opening remarks.

May 5: **Annual General Body Meeting**
May 23: **Dinner with City of Tumwater Council,** MLRC 6pm

Charlene would like to discuss instream flows and follow up on the WIRA discussion during the Natural Resources work session on the 20th.

Charlene asked about the Brad Worthley Customer Service training on April 17-18th. She asked if we could get a recording of that so staff who couldn't attend, could watch it at a later date. Kris stated that Brad Worthley does sell DVD's and he will ask about that. Charlene also suggested that Council attend a training from him. She felt that this would add some empowerment to Council since they need to work as a team. Arnold will reach out to Brad Worthley to see about coordinating a "Council Training."

CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

Schedule Evaluations: Council will meet at 9am on the 28th in the Council Lounge.

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

IPAC Appointment: Council appointed June O'Brien to serve as the delegate to the IPAC.

TRIBAL LIAISON UPDATE

Ray Peters provided a property acquisition update.

Ray reported on a State Bill regarding investigation of missing Native Women and funding for investigative reporting.

He reported on a piece of property that was to be auctioned off on the Island. This was an online auction with less communication, so the property was bought by someone else at a relative high cost. The purchaser was probably not aware that they are unable to access the property and should have done research on their own. Ray reached out to Mason County and told them why their system doesn't work for all properties since someone just bought some property that they will be unable to access.

ENROLLMENT

Tammy Ford presented three new enrollment applications that were previously approved by the Enrollment Committee.

Resolution #18-20 enrolls Angelica Francisco-Coley
Resolution #18-21 enrolls Janus Tuli Afo Jr.
Resolution #18-22 enrolls Nation Teo Krise

David moved to approve the enrollment resolutions. Vince seconded the motion. The motion carried four (4) in favor and zero (0) against.

Tammy shared that the Elections Committee voted Jolene Grover as their Chairperson, Josh Whitener as Vice Chair and Cassidy Gott as secretary. She added that Sis Brownfield recently resigned from the committee.

Vicki shared her appreciation for what the elections committee does for the general body meeting. Tammy shared that the committee is a good group and appreciates the work that they do to run the elections smoothly.

Charlene asked about issues that may come up in the ballot counting room and if there is a policy on how to deal with ballots that are illegible. Jolene shared that during the counting process, any questionable ballot is reviewed by all members in the counting room; which includes one representative from each candidate, an officer, a TrueBallot staff member and an election committee member.

TRIBAL MEMBER REQUEST

Jolene Grover thanked Council for all of the help they have already provided for her. She shared that she currently is a geoduck quota holder, but she currently is not able to dive and doesn't want to lose her quota because of her current situation. She asked if Council would consider allowing her an additional medical exemption this year. Council will discuss later and get back to her.

Mason County Sherriff Casey Salisbury was present along with undersheriff Jim Barret and Chief Deputy Tracy Eric. Casey was in regarding the upcoming Special Olympics and shared how last year they along with Squaxin PD participated in the torch run. This year, they were asked to participate again on May 31st. Special Olympics appreciated the multi-jurisdictional participation and the personalization of the torch run since it was sponsored and supported by people instead of businesses. This year they would like to complete the torch run at the Casino again; but it will be the final leg of the entire Special Olympics. This will be an opportunity to highlight the community since it will be a larger event. He asked if the drum group could participate. Charlene suggested involving both Squaxin and Skokomish Tribes.

Casey would like to reach out to the Casino to see about providing hot dogs and pop at the finish line; Council was fine with that.

Casey shared that he still really appreciates the relationship that Mason County and Squaxin PD has. It makes such a difference in enforcement and Casey really appreciates the enthusiasm and motivation that Chief Ehler shares. Vicki believes the relationship is because of who Casey is; he does a good job in working with Squaxin.

David said that he will be involved. Charlene added that she will work with Kimberly Allen at Skok to coordinate.

TRIBAL LIAISON UPDATE

Ray shared that the Aberdeen BIA Office is working on some probate acquisitions. Some funds were made available for appraisals with the buyback program. Ray will set up a conference call with them, Kevin and Esther.

LEGAL UPDATE

Kevin provided a litigation update.

Kevin gave an update on the election stats that will be included in the Klah-Che-Min. He will follow up with updating the Q&A for Council.

Culverts: April 18th is the argument in DC. Legal and Ray will be attending.

Dave Babcock provided an opiate update and will come back with a recommendation on how to handle it and what to do. He shared how various tribes have hired law firms that specialize in pharmaceutical cases; these firms are teaming up. Legal recommendation is that Squaxin should join. Dave will have a recommendation at the next Council meeting.

Dave presented ICW Case #SQI CW 2016-1610-0156 in Executive Session. Council approved the request.

GUEST

High School 21 Program: Shannon Milman introduced herself, she works for SPSCC and is on contract with Squaxin to deliver HS21 Program. This is a competency based program that allows students to get their diploma though the college. They just lowered the age requirement to 18. They have had 16 graduates so far. Council thanked her for her work and the success of the program.

DIS / Emergency Management

Mitzie Whitener, John Taylor were present to share the Squaxin Tribal Mitigation Plan.

Vicki would like an emergency food supply stored on the reservation. John stated that he will have a proposal ready by the end of the month. His largest concern is the health of the food; food that can be stored for 25 years is generally not healthy. He added that MRE's are available and are 1400 calories each, but he shared they are not the healthiest. Vicki appreciated his concern, but she said that some food is better than no food. John stated that he can get a supply of MRE's at any time, he just needs a temperature controlled lcoation to store them.

Mitzie shared that a contractor will be onsite in April regarding a mitigation plan and how to talk to the community on critical resources and to get their input on what is essential to sustainability. This contractor will conduct Public Meetings to teach the community on FEMA information, resources & support, terminology prioritize Essential Services.

Vicki worries about food water and shelter. She wants to make sure that is all secure. Mitzie stated that there will be more drills and exercises, she has seen the systems and how they work. There are many tribal and community members trained in the system.

Charlene added that non-tribal employees who are trained would most likely go tend to their own family instead of staying to help, during an emergency. John stated that they can help non tribal families as well, so as staff are here working during an emergency their families can be here as well.

Council would like to try an MRE, suggested having them for lunch at their next Council Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.